First-Class Mail—Postcards and Stamped Cards

Related QSG: 810



Eligibility Overview (E110)

Stamped cards and postcards may be mailed at various First-Class rates, depending on level of sortation.

- Stamped card: a mailing card supplied by the USPS, with a printed or impressed postage stamp.
- Double stamped card: two attached stamped cards (each with a printed or impressed stamp at the First-Class single-piece card rate) for the receiver to detach one card and mail back as a reply
- Postcard: a privately printed mailing card requiring postage.
- Double postcard: two attached postcards for the receiver to detach one card and mail back as a reply (E110.3).

Cards must meet specific physical standards.

Nonconforming cards: charged at applicable First-Class letter rates.

Rates and Fees	Single-piece card	\$0.200	
(R000, R100)	Double card	0.400	(\$0.200 each half)1
	Presorted First-Class	0.180	
	Automation Carrier Route	0.140	
	Automation Basic	0.166	
	Automation 3-Digit	0.159	
	Automation 5-Digit	0.143	

¹Postage due for the "reply half" is not required to be affixed when mailed as a double card.

Addressing (A010)

For Presorted and automation rates, each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Characteristics and Content

Required physical standards: shape, size, weight, paper quality, construction, and color (C100.2).

Other criteria: applicable automation rate standards (C810).

Dimensions (each stamped card, postcard, or half of double stamped card or postcard): rectangular, 3-1/2 to 4-1/4 inches high, and 5 to 6 inches long, and 0.007 to 0.016 inch thick.

Deposit Deposit:

(D100)

(C100)

- Single-piece card rate with postage affixed: collection boxes, carriers, or post offices.
- Other card-rate mailings: business mail entry units or locations designated by postmaster.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Single-piece card rate: none.

Other card-rate mailings: as applicable for rate claimed.

(M130, M810) Postcard-size pieces are always banded when presorted and trayed.

Postage and

Payment Methods (P100)

Method:

- Stamped cards: sold with postage affixed.
- Postcards: adhesive stamp (P022), precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

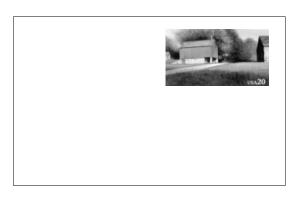
Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

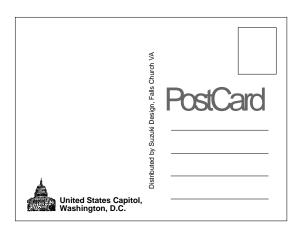
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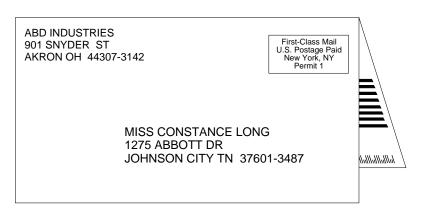
Stamped Cards/Postcards/Double Cards



Stamped Card



Postcard



Double Postcard

Minimum size: 3-1/2" high x 5" long x .007" thick Maximum size: 4-1/4" high x 6" long x .016" thick

(Drawings not to scale)

Priority Mail

Related QSGs: 010, 900

Quick Service

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Eligibility Overview Priority Mail is First-Class Mail weighing over 11 ounces; at the mailer's option, any mail weighing 11 ounces or less.

(E120)

Priority Mail generally offers 2-day service to most domestic destinations. Often used to expedite matter mailable as First-Class, Periodicals, or Standard Mail. Special mailing envelopes and boxes available at no additional cost at post offices.

Rates and Fees

Regardless of zone:

(R100)

Up to 2 pounds \$3.00 4.00 3 pounds 4 pounds 5.00 5 pounds 6.00

Over 5 pounds, zoned rates (by distance).

Flat rate envelope: \$3.00 rate applies, regardless of weight or destination, for the material that fits into a USPS flat rate envelope (available at post offices) (E120.2).

Discount of \$0.11 per piece in presorted mailings of 300 or more addressed pieces (E120.3); annual presort mailing fee (\$85.00) applies (E110.4).

Addressing (A010)

Each piece should include complete delivery and return addresses with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Characteristics and Content (C100)

Minimum size: 3-1/2 inches high by 5 inches long. Maximum weight: 70 pounds. Maximum length and girth combined: 108 inches.

Deposit, Collection. and Delivery (D100)

Pickup service (D010): single-piece Priority Mail at \$4.95 per stop (regardless of the number of pieces); service and information available by calling 1-800-222-1811. Only one fee for Express Mail, Priority Mail, or Parcel Post picked up at same time.

Deposit:

- Single-piece prepaid packages (5 pounds or less): in collection boxes, handed to carriers, at post offices (some restrictions if metered).
- Presorted mailings, all mail paid by permit imprint, all drop shipments: at business mail entry units with required postage statement.

Delivery: uninsured mail at mailer's option left in protected place if endorsed "Carrier-Leave If No Response" (D042.7).

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Marking: "Priority," "Priority Mail," or, if applicable, "Presorted Priority Mail" (on addressed side of each piece).

Drop shipment: applicable standards (M072). (M120)

Presorted Priority Mail: on reverse.

See reverse for sack label Line 2 information.

Postage statement: Form 3605-P (meter postage) or Form 3605-R (permit imprint); other documentation may be required by standards for payment method used.

Postage and **Payment** Methods (P100) Method: adhesive stamp (P022) (single-piece rate only), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions (P100.3). P070.6 also applies for drop shipments (Priority Mail and contents).

Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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Packaging and Sacking Sequence

5-Digit (Required)

Packages: Letters and flats: minimum 6-piece package; smaller packages prohibited.

Labels: Red Label D or optional endorsement line (OEL).

3-Digit (Required)

Packages: Same as 5-digit preparation.

Labels: Green Label 3 or

OEL.

SCF (Required)

Packages: Same as 5-digit preparation.

Labels: Green Label 3

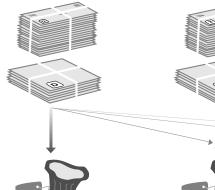
or OEL.

ADC (Optional)

Packages: Same as 5-digit preparation.

Labels: Pink Label A or

OEL.



PHILADELPHIA PA 19118 PRIORITY [LTRS]¹ 5D TOPEKA KS



PHILADELPHIA PA 19 PRIORITY [LTRS]¹ 3D TOPEKA KS



SCF PHILADELPHIA PA 190 PRIORITY [LTRS] SCF TOPEKA KS



DIS PHILADELPHIA PA 190 PRIORITY [LTRS]¹ ADC TOPEKA KS

Letters and Flats:

Required at 15 pounds per

Minimum permitted: one package of 6 pieces.

Parcels: Required at 6 pieces; smaller quantities prohibited. Mail that could not be placed in a 5-digit sack must be sorted to 3-digit sacks.

Labels: Use 5-digit ZIP Code destination of contents for Line 1.

Letters and Flats:

Required at 15 pounds per sack.

Minimum permitted: one package of 6 pieces.

Parcels: Required at 6 pieces; smaller quantities prohibited. Mail that could not be placed in a 3-digit sack must be sorted to SCF sacks.

Labels: Use L002, Column A, for Line 1.

Letters and Flats:

Required at 15 pounds per sack.

Minimum permitted: one package of 6 pieces.

Parcels: Required at 6 pieces; smaller quantities prohibited. Mail that could not be placed in an SCF sack must be placed in residual sacks.

Labels: Use L002, Column C, for Line 1.

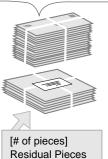
Letters and Flats:

Required at 15 pounds per sack.

Minimum permitted: one package of 6 pieces.

Parcels: Required at 6 pieces; smaller quantities prohibited. Mail that could not be placed in an ADC sack must be placed in residual sacks.

Labels: Use L102 for Line 1.





Residual

Packages: Packaged in groups of 25 pieces.

Letters, flats, and parcels sacked by zone.

Labels: Use "RESIDUAL" (and zone, if required) for

Line 1.

No packaging required for parcels (M120.2).

¹Use "LTRS" for letters, "FLTS" for flats, and "PARCELS" for parcels.

First-Class Mail—Presorted Letters and Cards

Related QSGs: 010, 015, 102, 900

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Eliaibility Overview (E130) Mailings of 500 or more addressed pieces, sorted and marked as described below. All pieces must fit within letter-size processing category (C050.2). Pieces mailed at card rates and pieces mailed at letter rates must meet separate 500-piece minimums.

Rates and Fees

Presorted:

(R100)

First ounce or fraction:

(For pieces weighing not more than 2 ounces) \$0.295 (For pieces weighing more than 2 ounces) 0.249 Each additional ounce or fraction 0.230 0.180 Card

Additional \$0.05 surcharge for nonstandard pieces weighing 1 ounce or less not mailed at card rates (C100.4).

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E110.4).

Addressing (A010)

Each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Addresses on all pieces updated within 180 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update tool (e.g., ACS, NCOA, FASTforwardSM, or the appropriate ancillary service endorsement

A certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

Characteristics and Content

Maximum weight: 11 ounces.

Upgradable option: see Quick Service Guide 131.

(C050, C100)

Shape: rectangular.

Dimensions:

- Minimum: 3-1/2 inches high, 5 inches long, and 0.007 inch thick.
- Maximum for cards at card rates: 4-1/4 inches high, 6 inches long, and 0.016 inch thick.
- Maximum: 6-1/8 inches high, 11-1/2 inches long, and 0.25 inch thick.

Deposit (D100)

Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Marking on each piece: "Presorted" and "First-Class."

Documentation:

(M130)

- Postage statement: Form 3600-P (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3600-R (permit imprint), as applicable.
- Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece is of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation generated by PAVE-certified software (or printed in standardized format).
- 1-foot or 2-foot trays used (M033) where appropriate (e.g., when enough mail to fill a 2-foot tray, a 2-foot tray must be used).

See reverse for tray label Line 2 information.

Use 2-inch tray labels (M031).

Trays sleeved and strapped (M033.1.5). See M033.1.6 for exceptions to strapping for mixed ADC trays and mailings that originate and destinate in delivery area of same SCF.

Postage and **Payment** Methods (P100)

Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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Packaging and Traying Sequence

5-Digit (Required)

Packages: Packaging not required if sufficient quantity to fill a 5-digit tray. Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code; fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Red Label D or optional endorsement line (OEL).

3-Digit (Required)

Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Green Label 3 or OEL.

ADC (Required)

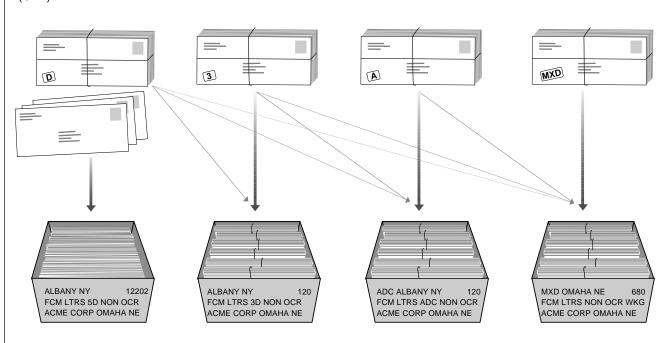
Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same ADC (see L004); fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Pink Label A or OEL.

Mixed ADC (Required)

Packages: Any remaining pieces must be packaged in mixed ADC packages.

Labels: Tan Label MXD or OEL.



Trays: Full trays only for pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code; packaging not required: less-than-full trays not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.

Rate: Presorted

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; less-thanfull trays not permitted. (Exception: After all full trays are prepared, one less-than-full tray must be prepared for any remaining packages for each 3-digit ZIP Code of SCF serving post office where mail is verified.)

Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column A, for destination facility.

Rate: Presorted

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same ADC (see L004); less-than-full trays not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L004 for destination facility.

Rate: Presorted

Trays: Any remaining packages placed in mixed ADC trays; only one lessthan-full tray permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by city/ state/ZIP of origin facility in L002, Column C.

Rate: Presorted

Packaging required in mailings consisting entirely of postcard-size pieces and for other pieces placed in less-than-full trays.

First-Class Mail — Presorted Letters and Cards-Upgradable

Related QSGs: 010, 015, 102, 810, 811, 900



Eligibility Overview (E130)

Mailings of 500 or more addressed pieces, sorted and marked as described below. All pieces must be automation-compatible (C810 and C830). Pieces mailed at card rates and pieces mailed at letter rates must meet separate 500-piece minimums.

Rates and Fees

Presorted:

(R100)

First ounce or fraction:

(For pieces weighing not more than 2 ounces) \$0.295 (For pieces weighing more than 2 ounces) 0.249 Each additional ounce or fraction 0.230 Card 0.180

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E110.4).

Addressing (A010, A800)

Each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Addresses on all pieces updated within 180 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update tool (e.g., ACS, NCOA, *FASTforwardSM*, or the appropriate ancillary service endorsement upder F010)

A certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

Characteristics and Content (C810, C830)

Maximum weight: 2.5 ounces.

Automation compatibility: machine-printed nonscript addresses, OCR read area and barcode clear zone meeting reflectance standards, and paper that can accept ink.

Shape: rectangular. Aspect ratio from 1:1.3 to 1:2.5 (C810.2.2).

Dimensions:

- Minimum: 3-1/2 inches high, 5 inches long, and either 0.007 inch thick if not more than 4-1/4 inches high and 6 inches long; or 0.009 inch thick if more than 4-1/4 inches high or 6 inches long, or both.
- Maximum for cards at card rates: 4-1/4 inches high, 6 inches long, and 0.016 inch thick.
- Maximum for letters and other cards: 6-1/8 inches high, 11-1/2 inches long, and 0.25 inch thick.

Deposit (D100)

Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation (M130)

Marking on each piece: "Presorted" and "First-Class."

Documentation:

- Postage statement: Form 3600-P (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3600-R (permit imprint), as applicable.
- Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece
 is of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation
 generated by PAVE-certified software (or printed in standardized format).
- 1-foot or 2-foot trays used (M033) where appropriate (e.g., when enough mail to fill a 2-foot tray, a 2-foot tray must be used).

See reverse for tray label Line 2 information.

Use 2-inch tray labels (M031).

Trays sleeved and strapped (M033.1.5). See M033.1.6 for exceptions to strapping for mixed AADC trays and mailings that originate and destinate in delivery area of same SCF.

Postage and Payment Methods (P100)

Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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First-Class Mail — Presorted Letters and Cards-Upgradable

Traying Sequence

5-Digit (Optional)

Trays: Full trays only for pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code; packaging not permitted; less-than-full trays not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.

Rate: Presorted

3-Digit (Required)

Trays: Full trays only for pieces to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; packaging not permitted; less-than-full trays not permitted. (Exception: After all full trays are prepared, one less-than-full tray must be prepared for any remaining pieces for each 3-digit ZIP Code of SCF serving post office where mail is verified.)

Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column A, for destination facility.

Rate: Presorted

AADC (Required)

Trays: Full trays only for pieces to same AADC (see L801); pieces grouped by 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; packaging not permitted; less-than-full trays not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L801 for destination facility.

Rate: Presorted

Mixed AADC (Required)

Trays: Any remaining pieces placed in mixed AADC trays; pieces grouped by AADC; only one less-than-full tray permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by city/state/ ZIP origin facility in L002, Column C.

Rate: Presorted









Packaging required in mailings consisting entirely of postcard-size pieces and for other pieces placed in less-than-full trays.

First-Class Mail—Presorted Flats

Related QSGs: 010, 015, 900



Eligibility Overview (E130) Mailings of 500 or more addressed pieces, sorted and marked as described below. All pieces must fit within flat-size processing category (C050.3).

Rates and Fees

Presorted:

(R100)

First ounce or fraction:

(For pieces weighing not more than 2 ounces) \$0.295 (For pieces weighing more than 2 ounces) 0.249 Each additional ounce or fraction 0.230

Additional \$0.05 surcharge for nonstandard pieces weighing 1 ounce or less not mailed at card rates (C100.4).

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E110.4).

Addressing (A010) Each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Addresses on all pieces updated within 180 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update tool (e.g., ACS, NCOA, *FASTforward*SM, or the appropriate ancillary service endorsement under F010).

A certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

Characteristics and Content

Maximum weight: 11 ounces.

Shape: rectangular, unless greater than 0.25 inch thick.

(C050) Dimensions:

■ Minimum: more than 11-1/2 inches long, or more than 6-1/8 inches high, or more than 0.25 inch thick.

■ Maximum: 15 inches long, 12 inches high, and 0.75 inch thick.

Deposit (D100)

Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Marking on each piece: "Presorted" and "First-Class."

rtation Documentation: (M130) ■ Postage state

 Postage statement: Form 3600-P (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3600-R (permit imprint), as applicable.

Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece is
of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation generated
by PAVE-certified software (or printed in standardized format).

See reverse for tray label Line 2 information.

Use 2-inch tray labels (M031).

Flat trays capped and secured with two straps (M033).

Postage and Payment Methods (P100) Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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Packaging and Traying Sequence

5-Digit (Required)

Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code; fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Red Label D or optional endorsement line (OEL).

3-Digit (Required)

Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Green Label 3 or OEL.

ADC (Required)

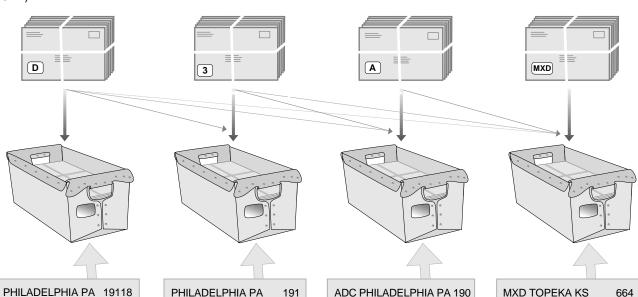
Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same ADC (see L004); fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Pink Label A or OEL.

Mixed ADC (Required)

Packages: Any remaining pieces must be packaged in mixed ADC packages.

Labels: Tan Label MXD or OFI



FCM FLTS 5D NON BC TOPEKA KS

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same 5-digit ZIP Code; less-than-full trays not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.

Rate: Presorted

PHILADELPHIA PA 191 FCM FLTS 3D NON BC TOPEKA KS

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; less-thanfull trays not permitted. (Exception: After all full trays are prepared, one less-than-full tray must be prepared for any remaining packages for each 3-digit ZIP Code of SCF serving post office where mail is verified.)

Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column A, for destination facility.

Rate: Presorted

FCM FLTS ADC NON BC TOPEKA KS

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same ADC (see L004); less-than-full trays not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L004 for destination facility.

Rate: Presorted

MXD TOPEKA KS 664 FCM FLTS NON BC WKG TOPEKA KS

Trays: Any remaining packages placed in mixed ADC trays; only one less-than-full tray permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by city/ state/ZIP of origin 3-digit facility in L002, Column C.

Rate: Presorted

For flats, a full tray is defined as one that contains at least a single stack of pieces lying flat that reaches bottom of handholds, but no more than can be contained in tray with lid secured in place with two straps. When possible, pieces must be placed in two stacks to optimize tray use. Total weight of tray may not exceed 70 pounds.

First-Class Mail—Presorted Parcels

Related QSGs: 010, 015, 050, 900

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Eligibility Overview (E130) Mailings of 500 or more addressed pieces, sorted and marked as described below. All pieces must fit within same processing category (C050).

Rates and Fees

Presorted:

(R100)

First ounce or fraction:

(For pieces weighing not more than 2 ounces) \$0.295 (For pieces weighing more than 2 ounces) 0.249 Each additional ounce or fraction 0.230

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E110.4).

Addressing (A010) Each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Addresses on all pieces updated within 180 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update tool (e.g., ACS, NCOA, *FASTforwardSM*, or the appropriate ancillary service endorsement under F010).

A certified process must be used at least once a year to ensure accuracy of 5-digit ZIP Codes.

Characteristics and Content

Maximum weight: 11 ounces.

Dimensions: see Quick Service Guide 050.

(C050)

Deposit (D100)

(M130)

Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Marking on each piece: "Presorted" and "First-Class."

Documentation:

 Postage statement: Form 3600-P (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3600-R (permit imprint), as applicable.

Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece
is of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation
generated by PAVE-certified software (or printed in standardized format).

See reverse for sack label Line 2 information.

See M130.5 for packaging of parcels up to 1/2 inch thick that exceed any one dimension of flat-size mail (C050.3).

Postage and Payment Methods (P100) Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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Quick Service Guide

Rate: Presorted

Sacking Sequence 5-Digit (Required) 3-Digit (Required) ADC (Required) Mixed ADC (Required) PHILADELPHIA PA PHILADELPHIA PA ADC PHILADELPHIA PA 190 MXD TOPEKA KS 664 19118 191 FCM PARCELS 5D FCM PARCELS 3D FCM PARCELS ADC FCM PARCELS WKG TOPEKA KS TOPEKA KS TOPEKA KS TOPEKA KS Sacks: Pieces must be Sacks: Pieces must be Sacks: Pieces must be Sacks: Any remaining pieces must be placed in sacked if 10 or more sacked if 10 or more sacked if 10 or more pounds of pieces to same pounds of pieces to same pounds of pieces to same mixed ADC sacks; only 5-digit ZIP Code; less than 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; ADC (see L004); less than one less-than-full sack less than 10 pounds in a 10 pounds in a sack not 10 pounds in a sack not permitted. permitted. sack not permitted. permitted. (Exception: After all full Labels: For Line 1, use Labels: For Line 1, use sacks are prepared, one Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by city/ city, state, and 5-digit ZIP less-than-full sack must be L004 for destination state/ZIP of origin 3-digit Code on mail. prepared for any facility.

Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column A, for destination facility.

remaining pieces for each

3-digit ZIP Code of SCF

serving post office where

Rate: Presorted

mail is verified.)

facility in L002, Column C.

Rate: Presorted

Packaging not required for pieces 1/2 inch thick or larger if they are placed in a sack to same destination to which they would have otherwise been packaged. Prepared in green sacks.

Rate: Presorted

First-Class Mail—Automation Letters and Cards

Related QSGs: 010, 012, 015, 810, 811, 900, 922, 923, 924

Quick Service Guide

Eligibility Overview (E140)

Mailings of 500 or more addressed pieces, 100% delivery point barcoded (C840), sorted and marked as described below. All pieces must be automation-compatible (C810). Pieces mailed at card rates and pieces mailed at letter rates must meet separate 500-piece minimums.

Rates	and	Fees
	(F	R100)

Carrier Route (optional)		3-Digit	
First ounce or fraction:		First ounce or fraction:	
(Pieces weighing not more than 2 ozs.)	\$0.230	(Pieces weighing not more than 2 ozs.)	\$0.254
(Pieces weighing more than 2 ozs.)	0.184	(Pieces weighing more than 2 ozs.)	0.208
Each additional ounce or fraction	0.230	Each additional ounce or fraction	0.230
Card	0.140	Card	0.159
5-Digit (optional)		Basic	

5-Digit (optional) First ounce or fraction: First ounce or fraction:

(Pieces weighing not more than 2 ozs.)	\$0.238	(Pieces weighing not more than 2 ozs.)	\$0.261
(Pieces weighing more than 2 ozs.)	0.192	(Pieces weighing more than 2 ozs.)	0.215
Each additional ounce or fraction	0.230	Each additional ounce or fraction	0.230
Card	0.143	Card	0.166

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E110.4).

Carrier route rates limited to 5-digit ZIP Codes identified in the City State File.

Addressing (A800, A950)

Each piece must also include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. Address and barcode quality subject to A800 and CASS/MASS standards in A950. Addresses on all pieces updated within 180 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update tool (e.g., ACS, NCOA, *FASTforwardSM*, or the appropriate ancillary service endorsement under F010). Addresses matched using CASS/MASS-certified process within 6 months before mailing.

Carrier route information updated using CASS-certified process within 90 days before mailing.

Characteristics and Content

Maximum weight: 3.4383 ounces (pieces over 3 ounces must meet additional standards in C810.7.5). Shape: rectangular. Aspect ratio from 1:1.3 to 1:2.5 (C810.2.2). Dimensions:

(C810)

- Minimum: 3-1/2 inches high, 5 inches long, and either 0.007 inch thick if not more than 4-1/4 inches high and 6 inches long; or 0.009 inch thick if more than 4-1/4 inches high or 6 inches long, or both.
- Maximum for cards at card rates: 4-1/4 inches high, 6 inches long, and 0.016 inch thick.
- Maximum for letters and other cards: 6-1/8 inches high, 11-1/2 inches long, and 0.25 inch thick.
- All letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures must meet the standards in C810.8.

Deposit (D100)

Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation (M810)

Marking on each piece: "Presorted," "First-Class," and "AUTO" (for Carrier Route rate pieces, "First-Class," "Presorted," and "AUTOCR"). Pieces not claimed at an automation rate must not be marked "AUTO" or "AUTOCR" unless single-piece postage is affixed or a corrective single-piece rate marking is applied under P100. Pieces do not require an "AUTO" marking if they bear a DPBC in the address block or on an insert visible through the window in the address block or lower right corner (M012).

Documentation:

- Postage statement: Form 3600-P (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3600-R (permit imprint), as applicable.
- Address, barcode (A950), and CRIS accuracy (A930): Form 3553.
- Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece is of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation generated by PAVE-certified

software (or printed in standardized format). 1-foot or 2-foot trays used (M033) where appropriate (e.g., when enough mail to fill a 2-foot tray, a 2-foot tray must be used).

Barcoded tray labels required (M032). See reverse for tray label Line 2 information. Trays sleeved and strapped (M033.1.5). See M033.1.6 for exceptions to strapping for mixed AADC trays and mailings that originate and destinate in delivery area of same SCF.

Postage and **Payment** Methods (P100)

Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Special Services

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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Quick Service Guide

Traying Sequence

5-Digit/Scheme (Optional)

Trays: At least 150 pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code or 5-digit scheme destination: packaging not permitted: only one overflow tray permitted per destination.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1: use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail; on optional 5-digit scheme trays, use destination in City State File.

Rate: 5-Digit

3-Digit/Scheme (Required)

Trays: At least 150 pieces to same Trays: At least 150 3-digit ZIP Code/scheme destination; packaging not permitted; only one overflow tray permitted per destination. (Exception: After all full trays are prepared, one less-than-full tray must be prepared for any remaining pieces for each 3-digit ZIP Code/scheme of SCF serving post office where mail is verified.)

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column B, for destination facility.

Rate: 3-Digit or Basic1

AADC (Required)

pieces to same AADC: packaging not permitted; pieces within trays grouped by 3-digit/ scheme destination; only one overflow tray permitted per destination.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L801 for destination facility.

Rate: Basic

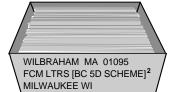
Mixed AADC (Required)

Trays: All remaining pieces placed in mixed AADC trays; pieces within trays grouped by AADC tray; only one less-than-full mixed AADC tray permitted per mailing.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by city/state/ZIP of origin facility in L002, Column C.

Rate: Basic









¹Basic rate for any 3-digit/scheme tray for the origin SCF area containing fewer than 150 pieces.

²Use "5D BC" on 5-digit trays; on optional 5-digit scheme trays, use "BC 5D SCHEME."

³Use "3D BC" on 3-digit trays; on 3-digit scheme trays, use "BC SCHEME" and, if applicable, as shown in L002, Column B, followed by the letter "A," "B," or "C."

Where overflow trays are permitted, they are required for required presort levels and optional for optional presort levels (M033.2).

Optional Carrier Route Preparation

At least 10 or more pieces to same carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, post office box section, or general delivery unit); fewer than 10 pieces per route not permitted. Use an optional endorsement line or carrier route information line.

Carrier Route

Trays: Full trays only for pieces to same carrier route; packaging not permitted. Card-size pieces must be banded. Less-than-full trays not permitted.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.

Rate: Carrier Route



5-Digit Carrier Routes

Trays: 5-digit trays are required if enough mail for a full tray, optional otherwise, but preparation of content must be as described. After all full carrier route trays prepared, remaining carrier route pieces (10 or more per route) must be grouped (use separator cards in full trays and banding material in less-than-full trays) and placed in 5-digit carrier routes travs (no minimum number of pieces per tray).

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.

Rate: Carrier Route



3-Digit Carrier Routes

Trays: Carrier route packages only; optional with minimum one 10-piece carrier route package for each of two or more 5-digit areas.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 3-digit ZIP Code prefix shown in L002, Column A.

Rate: Carrier Route



Carrier route rates limited to 5-digit ZIP Codes identified in the City State File.

Packaging required in all mailings consisting entirely of postcard-size pieces and for pieces in overflow, less-than-full, and 3-digit carrier routes trays.

First-Class Mail—Automation Flats

Related QSGs: 010, 015, 820, 900, 922, 923, 924

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Eligibility Overview (E140)

Mailings of 500 or more addressed pieces, 100% ZIP+4 barcoded or delivery point barcoded (C840), sorted and marked as described below. All pieces must fit within standards for flat-size barcoded mail (C820).

Rates and Fees

s 3/5 Flats

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First ounce or fraction:

(For pieces weighing not more than 2 ounces) \$0.270 (For pieces weighing more than 2 ounces) 0.224 Each additional ounce or fraction 0.230

Basic Flats

First ounce or fraction:

(For pieces weighing not more than 2 ounces) \$0.290 (For pieces weighing more than 2 ounces) 0.244 Each additional ounce or fraction 0.230

Additional \$0.05 surcharge for nonstandard pieces weighing 1 ounce or less not mailed at card rates (C100.4).

Annual \$85.00 presort mailing fee (E110.4).

Addressing (A800, A950)

Each piece must also include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. Address and barcode quality subject to A800 and CASS/MASS standards in A950.

Addresses on all pieces updated within 180 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update tool (e.g., ACS, NCOA, *FASTforwardSM*, or the appropriate ancillary service endorsement under F010)

Addresses matched using a CASS/MASS-certified process within 6 months before mailing.

Characteristics and Content

Maximum weight: 11 ounces.

Shape: rectangular.

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Dimensions:
■ Not less than 6 or more than 12 inches high.

- Not less than 5 inches long if 6 to 7-1/2 inches high; or not less than 6 inches long if more than 7-1/2 inches high.
- Not more than 15 inches long.
- Not less than 0.009 or more than 0.75 inch thick.

All letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures must meet the standards in C810.8.

Deposit (D100)

Mailing entered at an acceptance point designated by USPS.

Mail Preparation and Sortation (M820)

Marking on each piece: "Presorted," "First-Class," and "AUTO." Pieces do not require an "AUTO" marking if they bear a ZIP+4 barcode or DPBC in the address block or on an insert visible through the window in the address block or lower right corner (M012).

Documentation:

- Postage statement: Form 3600-P (meter or precanceled stamp) or Form 3600-R (permit imprint), as applicable.
- Address and barcode accuracy: Form 3553 (A950).
- Supporting documentation: required unless correct rate affixed to each piece, or unless each piece
 is of identical weight and separated by rate when presented for acceptance; documentation
 generated by PAVE-certified software (or printed in standardized format).

Barcoded tray labels required (M032).

See reverse for tray label Line 2 information.

Flat trays capped and secured with two straps (M033).

Postage and Payment Methods (P100)

Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Additional standards apply to mailings of nonidentical-weight pieces.

Special Services (\$900)

See Quick Service Guide 900.



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Packaging and Traying Sequence

5-Digit (Required)

Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same 5-digit ZIP Code; fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Red Label D or optional endorsement line (OEL).

Rate: 3/5 Flats

3-Digit (Required)

Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Green Label 3 or

Rate: 3/5 Flats

ADC (Required)

Packages: Pieces must be packaged if 10 or more pieces to same ADC (see L004); fewer than 10 pieces in a package not permitted.

Labels: Pink Label A or OEL.

Rate: Basic Flats

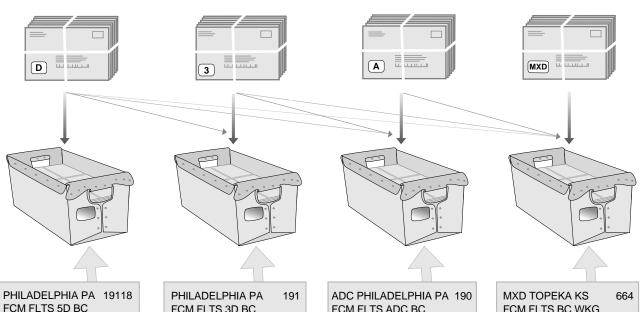
Mixed ADC (Required)

Packages: Any remaining pieces must be packaged in mixed ADC packages.

Labels: Tan Label MXD

or OEL.

Rate: Basic Flats



Trays: Full trays only for packages to same 5-digit ZIP Code; packaging always required; less-thanfull trays not permitted.

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Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code on mail.

FCM FLTS 3D BC TOPEKA KS

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same 3-digit ZIP Code prefix; less-thanfull trays not permitted. (Exception: After all full trays are prepared, one less-than-full tray must be prepared for any remaining packages for each 3-digit ZIP Code of SCF serving post office where mail is verified.)

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L002, Column A, for destination facility.

FCM FLTS ADC BC TOPEKA KS

Trays: Full trays only for packages to same ADC (see L004); less-than-full trays not permitted.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use L004 for destination facility.

FCM FLTS BC WKG TOPEKA KS

Trays: Any remaining packages placed in mixed ADC trays; only one lessthan-full tray permitted.

Barcoded Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by city/state/ZIP of origin facility in L002, Column C.

For flats, a full tray is defined as one that contains at least a single stack of pieces lying flat that reaches bottom of handholds, but no more than can be contained in tray with cover secured in place with two straps. When possible, pieces must be placed in two stacks to optimize tray use. Total weight of tray may not exceed 70 pounds.